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SUBJECT:GUB INVITED TO ATTEND POPULATION POLICY SEMINAR.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR W. MURRAY TODD TO GUB FOREIGN MINISTER U KYAW SOE INVITING BURMA TO SEND ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND POPULATION POLICY SEMINAR IN MANILA DURING NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1. BECAUSE OF TIMING PROBLEM, WE AGREED TO SEND MAIN POINTS OF NAS LETTER TO EMBASSY SO APPROPRIATE NOTE CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. NAS ALSO SENT COPY OF LETTER TO GUB EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, WILL POUCH LETTER ON NOVEMBER 2. NAS ORIGINALLY SENT INVITATION TO DR. AYE HLAING OF ECONOMICS INSTITUTE BUT HE REPLIED MID-OCTOBER SAYING THAT GUB WOULD DECIDE WHO MIGHT PARTICIPATE. WE ARE POUCHING NAS LETTER, DR. AYE HLAING'S LETTER AND PAMPHLET ON SEMINAR FOR APPROPRIATE USE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF LETTER:

A) NAS, PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION AND ORGANIZATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES ARE CO-SPONSORING SEASIAN REGIONAL

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SEMINAR ON POPULATION POLICY. SOME TWENTY-FIVE PARTICIPANTS

WILL BE INVITED FROM BURMA, INDONESIA, KOREA, MALAYSIA,
PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

B) SEMINAR WILL BE SMALL AND INFORMAL TO ENABLE
PARTICIPANTS TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO POPULATION CHANGE
AND DISTRIBUTION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. DISCUSSIONS WILL BE
REPORTED IN SUMMARY FORM AND NO ATTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE TO
INDIVIDUALS BY NAME.

C) PARTICIPANTS ARE TO PREPARE BRIEF MEMORANDUM BASED
ON QUESTIONS OUTLINED IN SEMINAR DESCRIPTION PAMPHLET
(POUCHED SEPARATELY). MEMORANDA WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED AND
DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO PARTICIPANTS.

D) ALL TRAVEL, BOARD AND LODGING EXPENSES WILL BE
PAID BY NAS.

E) THIS IS LAST OF SERIES OF REGIONAL SEMINARS HELD
THIS YEAR. FINAL REPORT ON THESE SEMINARS WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD POPULATION YEAR 1974.

F) NAS IS FOLLOWING PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED BY DR. AYE
HLAING AND EXTENDS INVITATION TO GUB TO SEND ONE OR TWO
REPRESENTATIVES.

G) NAS WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF BURMESE PARTICIPANTS IF GUB ACCEPTS INVITATION.

3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN TRANSMITTING ABOVE
INFORMATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
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